

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN SED GREETES SPANISH COMMUNIST  
PARTY

REF: BERLIN 2657

1. ERICH HONECKER, ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE SED, HAS SENT GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNIST  
PARTY OF SPAIN. THE MESSAGE, PUBLISHED IN  
THE APRIL 19 EDITION OF NEUES DEUTSCHLAND,  
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CONVEYS "BROTHERLY" GREETINGS ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE 9TH PARTY CONGRESS OF THE CPS. THE MESSAGE  
STRESSES THE SED'S ADHERENCE TO MARXISM-LENINISM,  
LOYALTY TO THE SOVIET UNION AND FIDELITY TO  
PRINCIPLES OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM.

2. IN CONTRAST TO HIS MESSAGE TO BERLINGUER

(REFTEL), HONECKER USES HIS TITLE OF GENERAL SECRETARY AND IS CLEARLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. UNLIKE THE BERLINGUER MESSAGE, THIS IS NOT A PERSONAL MESSAGE AND IS ADDRESSED TO THE FULL PARTY. CARRILLO IS NOT ADDRESSED AND IS NOT EVEN MENTIONED.

3. COMMENT: THE STYLE AND CONTENT OF THE SED'S MESSAGE TO THE CPS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SED'S STANDING POLICY OF DUCKING THE EUROCOMMUNISM ISSUE AND NOT PUBLICLY CRITICIZING OTHER COMMUNIST PARTIES (THE CHINESE ASIDE) EVEN WHERE THERE ARE POLICY DIFFERENCES. END COMMENT. BOLEN

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